Sale of grazing and fishery rights in the West Godavari district.

*1253 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what amount was realized by the sale of (i) the grazing rights, and (ii) the fishery rights during each of the last five years in respect of the Public Works Department channels in West Godavari district;

(b) how many village panchayats in West Godavari district were granted leases of the said grazing and fishery rights in their respective areas and what was the total amount which the panchayats had to pay under the said leases; and

(c) whether Government propose to remit the grazing and fishery fees in respect of the leases to the village panchayats?

A.—(a) (i) The grazing rights are not sold in respect of any of the Public Works Department channels in the West Godavari district.

(ii) The amounts realized by the sale of the right of fishing during the last five years is noted below:—

	RS.	A.
1924-25	367	14
1925-26	462	7
1926-27	606	2
1927-28	1,909	5
1928-29	768	6

(b) The lease of the right of fishing has been granted to seven village panchayats and a sum of Rs. 22-8-0 is realized thereby.

(c) The answer is in the negative so far as the fishery fees are concerned. The question does not arise as regards the grazing rights which are not sold.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju:—"With reference to the answer to (c), may I know, Sir, why the Government do not propose to remit the fishery fees to the village panchayats, considering the small nature of the amount?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I do not know whether that matter has been considered. If the hon. Member is making a suggestion, it will be considered."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Seeing that the amount realized is very small, will the Government consider the desirability of remitting it altogether?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"In that case, we shall probably have to prohibit fishing altogether."

Improvement of the feeder sources of Malidevaraya cheruvu tank in Cuddapah taluk.

*1254 Q.—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any proposal to improve the feeder sources of Malidevaraya cheruvu of Gotur village in Cuddapah taluk;

(b) whether the ryots of the said village of Gotur memorialized to the Collector and the Public Works Department authorities requesting them to direct the waters of one Pankoli vanka into the said tank;

(c) whether the Public Works Department authorities investigated the scheme and if so, with what result;

(*d*) whether the ryots undertook to pay a higher rate of assessment in case the said vanka water is diverted into the tank and gave statements that they were prepared to pay Rs. 10 and Rs. 12 for the rates of Rs. 4 and Rs. 6 respectively now prevailing ;

(*e*) whether any and if so, what extent can be brought under cultivation afresh if the vanka water is diverted as requested ;

(*f*) what is the amount of increase in the beriz of the village if the proposed enhancement in rates is made ;

(*g*) what is the estimated cost of diverting the vanka water ;

(*h*) what is the amount of remissions that have been granted to the ryots holding lands under the tank for the last ten years ;

(*i*) whether there was any year in which no remission was granted during the last ten years ; and

(*j*) what is the extent of irrigable ayacut under the tank and what is the extent of dry lands under the occupation of the ryots ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*j*) A report has been called for.

Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" May I know whether a report has since been received ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir."

Irrigation tanks in Peddapur and Cocanada taluks.

* 1255 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of irrigation tanks in the Peddapur taluk, Pittapur division and Cocanada taluk in zamindari and Government lands respectively ;

(*b*) whether the ayacut of the tanks was definitely settled at any time and if so, whether a register is being maintained showing the same ;

(*c*) whether the full tank level of each of the tanks has been fixed and is being maintained ;

(*d*) what steps the Government have taken to maintain the ayacut and the level of each of the tanks without their being interfered with by others ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that in respect of some tanks water is stored to a very large extent without making necessary protective arrangements ;

(*f*) the number of tanks that breached during the recent floods ;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that the breaches were due to the storing of water beyond their capacity and the inadequacy of bunds and other protective arrangements ; and

(*h*) whether the Government propose to make any and if so, what arrangements to prevent such breaches in future ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*h*) A report has been called for.

Accumulation of sand and silt on the bed of the Godavari river.

*1256 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 900 answered on the 29th November 1928 regarding accumulation of sand and silt on the bed of the Godavari river—

(*a*) whether the report called for has since been received ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the same will be placed on the Council table ?